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S. 242

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2019

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lowell Observatory
5 Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) OBSERVATORY.—The term “Observatory”
9 means the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
3 Chief of the Forest Service.

4 **SEC. 3. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY AND RESERVED IN-**
5 **TERESTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
7 if the Observatory makes a written request to the Sec-
8 retary for conveyance of the parcel of land described in
9 subsection (b) not later than 180 days after the date of
10 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the
11 Observatory, without consideration and by quitclaim deed,
12 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
13 to that parcel of land.

14 (b) LAND DESCRIBED.—The parcel of land to be con-
15 veyed under subsection (a) is the National Forest System
16 land—

17 (1) conveyed by the United States to Percival
18 Lowell and his heirs by the Act entitled “An Act
19 granting certain lands in the Coconino National For-
20 est, in Arizona, for observatory purposes”, approved
21 May 30, 1910 (36 Stat. 452; chapter 261); and

22 (2) described as sec. 17, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., of
23 the Gila and Salt River base and meridian in
24 Coconino County, Arizona.

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